

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended). A bedstead board for a bed, comprising:
 - a) a body having a top, a bottom opposed to the top, a first side, and a second side opposed the first side; and
 - b) a recess extending from the top, associated with and spaced a distance from either the first side or the second side, and configured to removably receive a roller associated with a conveyor of a patient transport system, wherein the roller has a thickness and wherein the recess is closer to one side and is oriented to positively retain the roller when the roller is in the recess and urged away from that side;
 - c) wherein the recess has an outer wall and an inner wall adjacent to a base with a distance therebetween and wherein the distance across the entire recess between the walls is at least as large as the thickness of the roller so that the roller within the recess will contact and rest against the base; and
 - d) wherein the inner wall is farther from the associated side than the outer wall and wherein the inner wall is a greater distance away from the associated side at the bottom of the body than at the top of the body.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The bedstead board in accordance with claim 21, wherein the inner wall is angled relative to a vertical axis and forms an angle with the vertical axis of between approximately 10-60 degrees.
4. (Currently Amended) A bedstead board for a bed, comprising:
 - a) a body having a top, a bottom opposed to the top, a first side, and a second side opposed the first side;

b) a recess extending from the top, associated with and spaced a distance from either the first side or the second side, and configured to removably receive a roller associated with a conveyor of a patient transport system, wherein the recess is closer to one side and is oriented to positively retain the roller when the roller is in the recess and urged away from that side; and

c) ~~The bedstead board in accordance with claim 1, further including a clip mounted within the recess, wherein the clip has a resilient section with opposing legs that defines a gap therebetween, wherein at least one of the legs is resiliently movable from the other leg to expand the gap as the roller enters the clip and to contract to resiliently retain the roller therein.~~

5. (Original) The bedstead board in accordance with claim 4, wherein the clip is in the shape of a "C".

6. (Original) The bedstead board in accordance with claim 4, wherein the clip is made of plastic.

7. (Previously Presented) The bedstead board according to claim 1, wherein there is a recess on each side of the bedstead board.

8. (Withdrawn) A method for using a bedstead board attached to a bed, comprising the step of positioning a roller of a patient transport system in at least one recess of the bedstead board, wherein the recess is spaced a distance from a side of the board and wherein the roller is retained within the recess sufficiently to withstand forces acting upon the roller.

9. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein the recess is angled such that the force acting upon a roller tends to urge the roller further into the recess.

10. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 8, wherein the recess further includes a clip that resiliently retains the roller within the recess.

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11. (New) The bedstead board according to claim 4, wherein there is a recess on each side of the bedstead board.